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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 270E is adopted with the emergency clause. Mr. Clerk, LB 68.

CLERK: Mr. President, Legislative Bill 68, I do have a motion on the bill. Senator Chambers would move to return the bill for purposes of striking the enacting clause.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this is a bill which I must confess got past me during the regular course of consideration. There have been a number of issues of far more importance to me than this particular bill. I had stated at one point earlier in the session that some bills were getting by that I was not analyzing, was not reading, and this is one I had not paid attention to at all. Senator Landis is the only one on record as having voted against the advancement of this bill. It deals with those who do fingernails, not just manicuring. They want to call them nail technicians. And if you do, as I started doing this morning, if you read this, you'll wonder whether they're qualifying somebody to perform brain surgery or to operate an atomic energy facility. There are professions, like the law, which are not regulated to the extent that this bill regulates that activity. The thing that I find most troubling is that there is one licensed school right now and that school requires 120 hours of training. This bill, for some reason, wants to jump that to 600 hours. The students don't know what you would need...what is that 680...I meant 408...480 more hours? What are you going to...what are you going to spend that time doing? The current school doesn't require that many hours, so what is there to be learned? I'm a barber. They are putting requirements on these, they'll mostly be women. A lot of people from other countries are now going into this and I think that is probably the impetus for the bill, not Senator Suttle caring, and she didn't write this. There is a point in the bill where these individuals are going to have to finish a first aid course so they'll have to recognize emergency situations and I guess tend to them. A barber uses a razor. I didn't have to finish a first aid course. You can kill somebody with a razor, even by accident.